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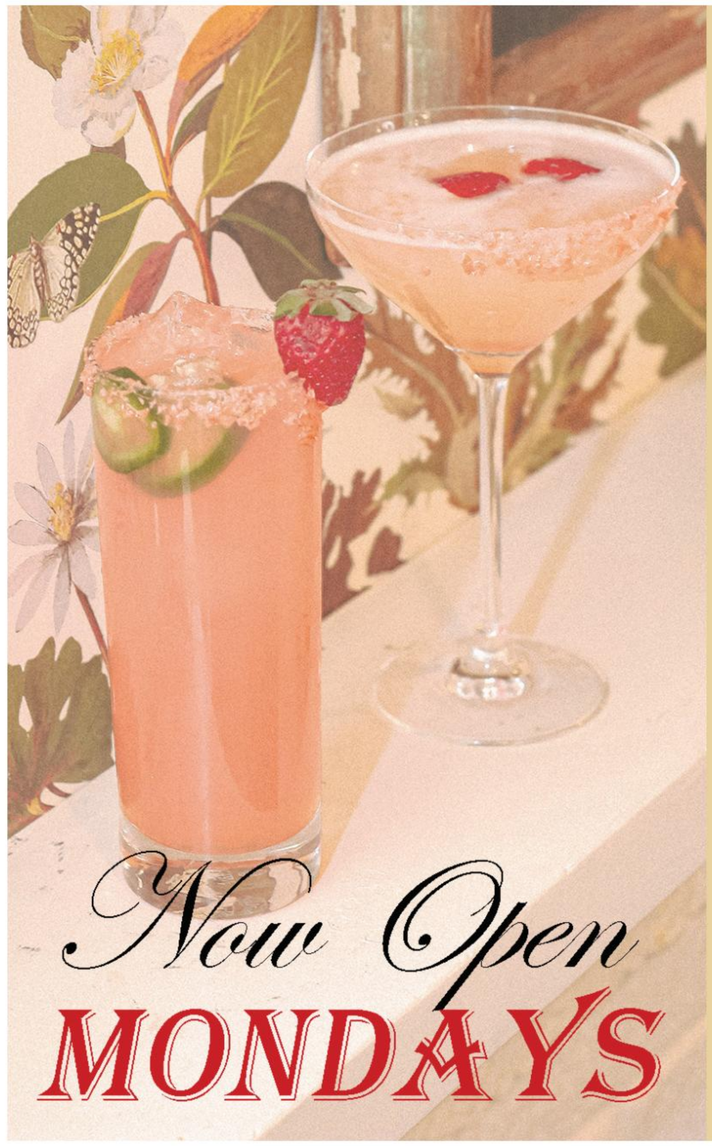

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Public Alert System Test scheduled across three counties

Residents across Allegan, Berrien, and Van Buren Counties will be part of a coordinated live test of public alerting systems at 10:50 a.m. Wednesday, July 16.

"The test is being conducted by these county emergency management offices in partnership with state and federal agencies to evaluate the performance of Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA), the Emergency Alert System (EAS), and other mass notification tools," CPT Rockey Adams,

The test will alert countywide within all three counties, with Van Buren initiating the alert for all three counties. No action is required from the public. However, residents are encouraged to complete a brief online survey to share when and how they received the alert.

A test message will be sent to mobile phones using the Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) system. The press release states that television and radio broadcasts may be briefly interrupted by a test message via EAS. Residents may also receive messages through NOAA Weather Radios and county notification systems, including phone calls, texts, or emails.

"The goal is to ensure the systems can effectively reach residents during emergencies such as severe weather, chemical spills, or other public safety events. Public feedback helps emergency managers assess how these systems perform across various devices, locations, and service providers. This is also the first test we have conducted where multiple counties are alerted at one time, allowing us to test our ability to back each other up," Adams said.

Residents within all county boundaries of Allegan, Berrien, and Van Buren counties should expect to receive the test messages. Testing across full county lines avoids confusion about specific sub-areas and ensures broader community awareness.

After receiving the test, residents are encouraged to complete a short survey at www.arcg.is/0ywmwi, which will help improve public safety and communication efforts across the region.

Those who don't receive the alert may have disabled settings, poor cell coverage or an unsupported device. To improve their readiness, residents should check alert settings or consider tools like NOAA Weather Radios for backup notification in areas with limited mobile service.

The test will be led by Van Buren County Office of Domestic Preparedness, in cooperation with Berrien County Emergency Management, and Allegan County Emergency Management. Technical support is also provided by federal and state partners, including the FCC, FEMA, National Weather Service, the Michigan State Police - Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division, Michigan Association of Broadcasters, and commercial mobile service providers. — STAFF REPORTS

In Nature, deep in her infinite quietude, you can feel the soul's reasoning.
— Dino N. Fatouros

CHURCH OF THE MEDIATOR'S FRENCH MARKET THIS WEEKEND: ARTIST SHOWING FOR SARI BUTLER

This month, the Episcopal Church of the Mediator will be hosting its annual French Market and an artist showing for Sari Butler.

The French Market, which includes local artisans, antiques, collectables, attic treasurers, baked goods, refreshments, vintage jewelry (being sold at a third of the current value) and more, will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 12, at the Episcopal Church of the Mediator, located at 14280 Red Arrow Highway between Sawyer and Union Pier, Michigan.

For over 15 years the church has hosted a summer "French Market" in the tradition of European churches, when the churchyard served as a source for community fellowship and commerce.

There are still openings for the limited number of outdoor vendor stalls available. Booth spaces are $20, and tables are $10 each. To register, contact Marilee Roth at 269-465-5155 or mjrothfarm@gmail.com, Candice Conley at 269-469-1441 or office@mediator.com.

Proceeds from the bake sale and rummage sale booths support ministries of the Episcopal Church of the Mediator.

For more information, contact office@mediatorharbert.com or 269-469-1441.

Sari Butler, known as The Scarlet Lamb, will be showing several works during the months of July and August at the Arts of Mediator Art Galleries. Contact the church office to make special arrangements to visit at office@mediatorharbert.com or come during the regular hours of 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday and Sundays.

Butler does delightful and innovative fiber art, with felted pieces depicting lyrical scenes. All works are for sale through the artist at thescarletlamb@gmail.com, sari@saributler.com or www.saributler.com. — STAFF REPORTS

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VILLAGE OF MICHIANA COUNCIL
Meets on the 2nd Friday of each month at 1PM

Downtown Development Authority discusses meetings, workshops for parking plan

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

Members of the New Buffalo Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors agreed on some tentative meeting dates, as well as subcommittees, regarding a city parking plan during a special Wednesday, July 2, meeting.

DDA Board Chair Ben Smock said that lots of feedback regarding paid parking was gathered at a town hall held last month, during which mayor Vance Price and city councilmember Richard Knoll were present.

At their last council meeting, members "voted to delay implementation until a paid parking plan is complete" and established a deadline of Dec. 31, 2025, for a plan, Smock said.

He said he's proposing that they establish a meeting schedule to ensure that they "stay on course" and are soliciting feedback.

Smock said he was proposing the meetings be held on the afternoons of Thursday, Aug. 7, which would be a special meeting of the DDA and Thursday, Sept. 11, which is a regularly scheduled meeting, both of which will be at city hall.

Input would also be gathered at workshops, which would be led by a DDA member. Any interested stakeholders could attend the workshops.

The information gathered at the workshops will be presented at the two meetings. Following the Sept. 11 meeting, DDA board members will submit a plan that the council could either approve or amend before the Dec. 31 deadline.

"So, we're basically trying to make a roadmap for how we're going to find success on this topic," Smock said.

Board member Diane Pyshos asked Price to "encourage city council members to become very involved and pick whatever committee they want to be involved in" as well as those on other boards and commissions.

"I think there might be an exchange of ideas about maybe possibly changing, altering some of the ordinance in the future - just to be more compatible to where the town's going and better more compatibly meet our objectives," she said.

Board member Robert Kemper said that various business listings, such as through the New Buffalo Business Association, and the city's list could be used to reach out to potential stakeholders about the workshops and who will be leading them.

City Manager Darwin Watson added there's no limit on how many DDA board members attend each workshop so long as there're no formal decisions that are made.

Topics for the workshops will be software, technology and enforcement (which would be led by Price); benchmarking, including success and failure of other beach resort communities (led by Pyshos); communications, including notification and engagement (led by member Robert Kemper); property acquisition and finances (led by member Chad Gradowski) and shuttle service/remote parking options (which would be led by Smock).

As a "point of reference," Smock said that the focus could be on three parking levels: Level 1, free all day; Level 2, free short term, three hours or less and Level 3, paid parking by hour. Also, as a point of reference, they should focus on four parking zones: South Whittaker, North Whittaker, East Buffalo and West Buffalo.

Back when the DDA worked on the North Whittaker Street Redevelopment Project in 2017-2018, Kemper said that the council "trusted us because we had a lot of public input, we had a lot of businesspeople engaged and participating and they knew that – they knew who was attending."

"It's never been about the DDA board members, it's been about the DDA board members reaching out to their areas of influence and getting people engaged and getting people to participate and then coming up with a plan," he said.

Outside of the workshops and meetings, Smock said board members should try to make special note of any parking trends "during the high season" and document them.

"This is the time to move from anecdotical complaints to constructive observations...Now is the time to operate where we're trying to capture as much data as we can to make an informed decision," Smock said.

I want all my clothes Designer ... I want someone else to buy them ...
If I cannot get it right now ... I don't want it, I dont want it at all ...
Give me all of your Attention ... Give me Summer in the Hamptons ...
— Kim Petras/Paris Hilton

TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR MHS' COCKTAILS AT WHISPERING PINES

Michiana Humane Society's signature fundraiser, Cocktails at Whispering Pines, will offer elevated cocktails, delicious hors d'oeuvres, a spirited live auction, live music, a silent auction and upbeat celebrating with fellow animal lovers from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 26.

The shelter's signature summer fundraiser is the largest source of income for Michiana Humane Society, and a singular event that attracts hundreds of attendees and generates tremendous word-of-mouth for MHS and its sponsors. For the second year in a row, this event with be hosted at an expansive private estate in Union Pier, Michigan.

All proceeds from Cocktails at Whispering Pines will go directly to funding the mission of MHS, which is giving pets their second chances.

Live auction items include a seven-night stay in Telluride for up to eight guests; a Lobster Roll Luncheon Pool Party for up to 12 guests at the stunning home of an architect in Michigan wine country; a Thai Delight, which includes a private dinner for six at a scenic, private venue, SunnyMare; and a seven-night stay in the charming hilltop town of Cortana, Italy, for up to four guests.

The live auction is followed by the reverese auction, or Fund-a-Paws, when you can raise your paddle to make a direct donation to second chances.

For tickets and sponsorships, visit www.michianapets.home.qtego.us.

Located in La Porte County, Indiana, Michiana Humane Society places pets throughout the region and works with several specialty rescue organizations across the country. Each year, it places more than 95% of the almost 1,000 adoptable pets in its care.

The shelter is located at 722 Indiana Hwy. 212 in Michigan City.

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Microplastic Beach Cleanup at New Buffalo Beach
Hosted by
Miss Michigan Earth 2025 AvaMarie Mendoza
Location: New Buffalo Public Beach
Date: Saturday, July 12, 2025
Time: 9:30-10:30 AM
Supplies Provided: Trash Bags
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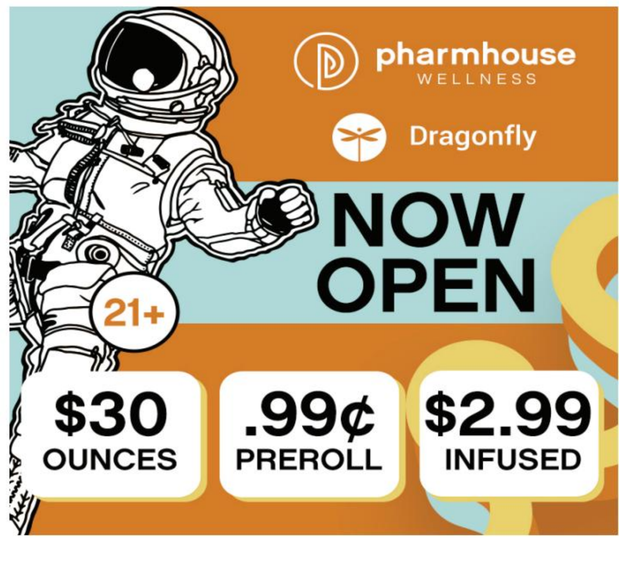
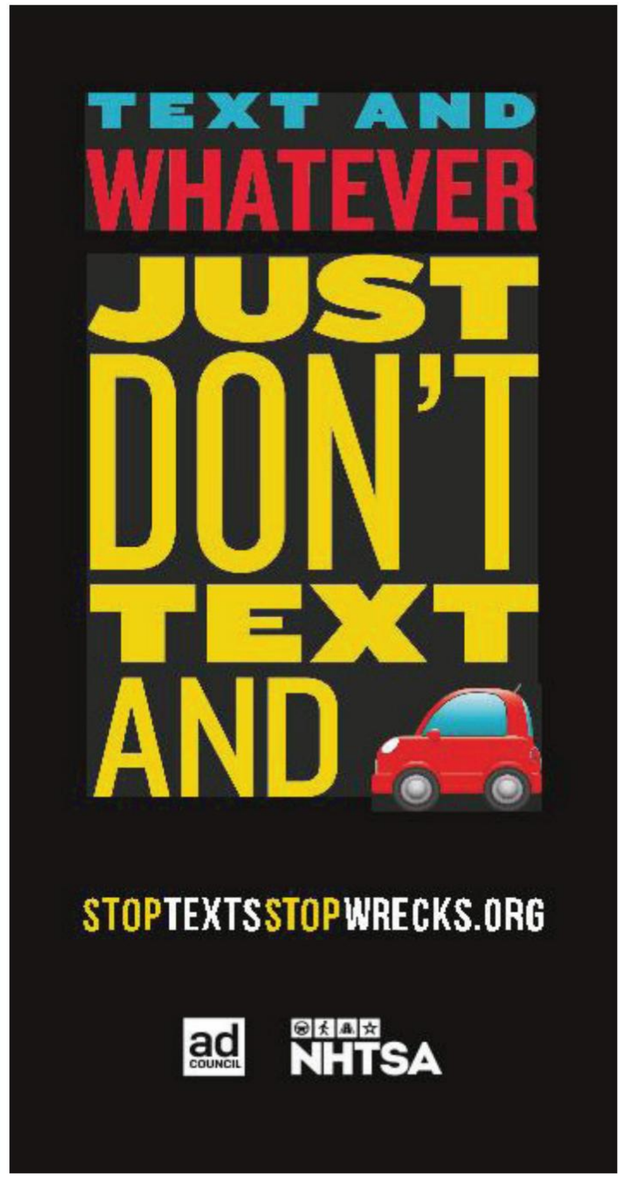
What are microplastics?
They originate from plastic breaking down and are very difficult to remove. They are approximately <5 mm in size and pollute bodies of water as well harm marine ecosystems. Any help is a big impact!
Snap photos during the event and tag @MissMiEarth
Questions? Email: ava.maarie@yahoo.com or Facebook: @New Buffalo Michigan Bee Committee





ROOSEVELT ORGAN SERIES TO FEATURE MICHIGAN CITY NATIVE

The Friends of the Roosevelt Organ and Trinity Episcopal Church will be hosting organist and Michigan City native Anthony Holt, who will be performing on the 1922 Austin, Opus 1052 pipe organ at Trinity Church at 600 Franklin Street in Michigan City's Downtown Arts District, as part of the Roosevelt Organ Series at 12:15 p.m. CST Wednesday, July 16.

Holt is currently the director of music ministries at Queen of All Saints and St Mary Parish in Michigan City, as well as the campus minister and director of student life at Marquette Catholic High School. Mostly self-taught at piano and organ, Holt gives special recognition to Dr. Jiyoung Jeoung and Holly Mitschelen for their lessons and guidance in his formative years. He can also be found on the piano bench for the Michigan City Community Chorus and assisting with vocals and other musical needs for the many community theatres in La Porte County.

A reception sponsored by Trinity Church in the magnificent and historic Bishop's Mansion will follow the performance. Tours of the mansion and church will also be available after the concert.

For questions or further information, contact Bill Halliar at william.halliar@gmail.com or at 219-629-5853. — STAFF REPORTS

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Berrien County Health Department, Voice.Change. Hope Alliance educating community on negative effects of underage marijuana use

Nearly 30% of U.S. high school seniors have used pot in the past year, with 17% of those using before age 18 becoming addicted, according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

The Berrien County Health Department and Voice. Change. Hope. Alliance are once again collaborating to educate the community about the negative effects of underage marijuana usage while providing resources for parents and caregivers.

"Though legal for individuals over the age of 21 in Michigan, marijuana poses concerning health effects for teens," said Lisa Peeples-Hurst, BCHD public health promotion and prevention supervisor. "From potential IQ loss to negative mental health effects, marijuana's effects in those under 18 should not be ignored or taken lightly.

That's why the Health Department is investing in resources and tools to help parents and caregivers initiate these important conversations with their teens."

According to SAMHSA, today's marijuana contains three times the THC compared to 25 years ago, which has a stronger effect on the brain. There are known links between marijuana use and IQ loss, depression, anxiety, suicide planning and psychotic episodes for long-term users.

Marijuana can be more damaging for teens because their brains are still developing.

According to C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, marijuana's negative effects can show up in poor school performance, increased absences and a greater likelihood of dropping out and involvement in the legal system.

Parents and caregivers can help limit risk for young people in their life by talking to them about marijuana and other substances. SAMHSA has resources available to help get the conversation started.

For more information about this campaign and available resources, visit www.berriencounty.org/1580/get-the-dirt-on-weed. — STAFF REPORTS

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Father charged in motorcycle crash with grade school-aged son

A La Porte man could get prison time for taking his young son on a motorcycle ride and crashing after allegedly consuming too much alcohol.

Dakota Griffin, 27, is charged in La Porte Circuit Court with neglect of a dependent and operating while intoxicated, both Level 6 felonies.

In late April, Griffin went for ride on a Harley Davidson motorcycle with his 6-year-old son on the backseat despite the child's mother begging him to not take the boy, according to La Porte County Police.

Police said Griffin was northbound on Fail Road when he failed to negotiate a curve.

The motorcycle wound up on its side and slid about 50 feet on the pavement before stopping in the southbound lane near Division Road just outside the La Porte city limits.

Police said the helmet wearing boy with road rash on his arms made his way on foot to a nearby home and informed the resident about the crash.

Griffin, who was not wearing a helmet, was airlifted to Memorial Hospital in South Bend with severe road rash to the right side of his body, police said.

He was later diagnosed with bruised lungs, fractures to his skull and collarbone along with bleeding on his brain, according to authorities.

Police said the boy did not sustain any other injuries.

Charges were not filed until July 3 because the hospital, in response to a search warrant, did not provide the results of a toxicology test and hundreds of pages of other medical records related to the crash until late last month, police said.

Griffin's alleged blood alcohol level was .157 percent or nearly twice the .08 percent legal limit.

According to police, the test results also indicated possible use of use fentanyl and marijuana, which is being further looked into for potential filing of enhanced or additional charges.

Griffin, who was taken into custody Monday, was being held in the La Porte County Jail on $755 cash bond. — STAN MADDUX

To Your Health

COLUMN BY KAREN EDWARDS ND

CELIAC DISEASE

Celiac Disease is an autoimmune disorder of the small intestines. In our bodies, the small intestine is responsible for the absorption of the foods we eat. When someone with Celiac Disease ingests foods that contain gluten, the body produces antibodies that attack the small intestines and in particularly the villi.

The villi are tiny hair-like projections that line the small intestine that allow nutrients to be absorbed into the blood stream. Without healthy villi, the body is unable to absorb the proteins, carbohydrates, fats, vitamins and minerals we need, regardless of how much we eat or how high the quality foods that we eat are. Without our ability to absorb nutrients, over time, it can lead to malnutrition and/or secondary health concerns.

The cause of celiac disease is unknown but it is thought to have a genetic association, or attached to other autoimmune issues. It can appear at any time in a person's life, but has been known to be triggered for the first time after pregnancy, childbirth, surgery or severe emotional stress. Because of its potential genetic association, it is strongly suggested that family members of individuals diagnosed with celiac disease take a simple antibody test to rule it out, even if they have no symptoms.

Recognizing celiac disease can be difficult because many of the symptoms are similar to other diseases and disorders. Because of this, it is commonly misdiagnosed or underdiagnosed. Some common symptoms of celiac disease can include abdominal cramping, intestinal gas, bloating, chronic diarrhea or constipation, fatty stools, bone loss, anemia, weight loss or weight gain. It can also cause blurry vision, brain fog and other neurological disorders.

Because of its interference with our body's ability to absorb nutrition, conditions associated with nutritional deficiencies such as anemia, osteoporosis, or vitamin K deficiency can occur. Other more varied symptoms can include dental enamel defects, bone or joint pain, fatigue, weakness, infertility, depression, irritability, behavioral changes, muscle cramps, seizures, hair loss or digestive disorders.

Although there is no cure for celiac disease there are a number of alternative health remedies you can incorporate into your life to help restore health and eliminate further damage to the intestinal tract.

Adhere to a strict gluten-free diet. Avoid foods that contain wheat, barley and rye. Make it a habit to read all food labels and learn to identify ingredients that may contain hidden gluten. Know their disguised names.

Take a high-quality powdered whole food supplement to help restore any nutritional deficiencies that may be present. Be careful to ensure that the supplements you are taking don't contain hidden gluten. Many companies use wheat starch as a binding agent in tablets and capsules. This is why I recommend powder. The same goes for any medication that you are on. Check the ingredients.

Supplementing with probiotics can help to heal the lining of the intestinal tract. Better yet, eat fermented foods like raw sauerkraut and Kim chi. When adhering to a gluten-free diet, most people begin to experience improvements in their symptoms within weeks.

Disclaimer: Nothing in these articles is meant to replace medical advice. If you are on medications, do not stop taking them. This is for educational purposes.

Karen Edwards is a board-Certified Dr. of Naturopathy, Master Herbalist, Vegan and Raw food Chef. She is owner of Holistic Alternatives in New Buffalo and La Porte for over 25 years.

Both drivers charged with infant fatality crash

BY STAN MADDUX

Both drivers involved in a fiery road rage linked motor vehicle collision that claimed the life of a baby girl near Michigan City could face prison time.

Felisha Stout, 26, of Westville is charged in La Porte Superior Court 1 with Level 4 felony leaving the scene of a fatality crash.

Deondra Moore, 29, of Fort Wayne is charged in the same court with Level 5 felony reckless homicide for the death of her 10-month-old daughter.

Both women have since posted bond after a judge during their initial hearings on July 1 granted their requests to lower bail to 10 percent of the original cash amounts of $2,000 and $1,500 respectively.

According to La Porte County Police, the investigation shows Stout and Moore on June 27 were passing each other while traveling recklessly at high speeds on 400 North.

At one point, police said Stout with Moore traveling closely behind slammed on the brakes of her 2008 Jeep Liberty, causing Moore to leave the road and strike a row of trees.

Moore and two of her other children in her 2009 Nissan Rogue managed to escape the burning wreckage without serious injuries but the infant, Khleja'mae Sims, remained in the vehicle, according to court documents.

She died because of the crash and flames, police said.

Police said Stout, instead of stopping, traveled to a nearby bakery to pick up her boyfriend, who was the father of Moore's three children.

She then called 911 to report the crash allegedly as a witness, not a participant.

Police said her call came several minutes after officers had already been notified about the accident.

According to court documents, Moore told investigators she was involved in a disturbance with Stout at a home in Michigan City and chased her to get some belongings she left in the vehicle.

"The circumstances of this crash are unequivocally inexcusable," said La Porte County Police Capt. Derek Allen.

Moore and Stout are under orders from the court not to have any contact with each other while waiting for their cases to be decided.

Any violation of the orders could result in a return to the La Porte County Jail until a decision is reached on the allegations.

The next hearings for both women are scheduled Aug. 21.

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Youth fair announces 'Rides Wristband Days'

Again, this year, "every day will be Rides Wristband Day" at the Berrien County Youth Fair, Executive Director Karen Klug said.

A staple during fair week has always been "Rides Wristband Days," where on certain days and times, fairgoers can ride the rides unlimited for one price.

North American Midway Entertainment rides personnel oversee the rides at the fair each summer, and has partnered with the fair for several years to bring fairgoers day wristband days.

"The response continues to be overwhelming; it is such a good deal," Klug said.

Klug added that fairgoers enjoyed the rides wristbands because they can be used throughout the day instead of a restricted time period, "which makes everybody happy because the prices are affordable and the times are flexible." She also said the lines are not as long because everyone is not trying to get on the rides at the same time.

During the fair, wristbands will be $32 each. A special sale promotion on rides wristbands will take place from July 7 through Aug. 8, where the price will be $27 per wristband at various Honor Credit Union locations and the BCYF office and will save riders $5 per wristband.

"We are excited to partner with Honor Credit Union on this promotion to offer the discounted wristbands to people all over the county. That saves fairgoers money and makes it affordable for families. Buy as many as you want to use throughout the week," Klug said.

Wristband vouchers are available at the following Honor Credit Union locations: Baroda, Benton Harbor, Berrien Springs, Buchanan, Coloma, Dowagiac, Niles, St. Joseph and Stevensville, as well as the BCYF office for a limited time.

Riders will receive a wristband voucher to be used on any one day (Tuesday – Saturday) during the fair. The vouchers are exchanged for a wristband at the fair in the rides area.

The minimum height requirement for all rides is 36 inches. Some rides may have additional height restrictions.

Fair dates are Aug. 11-16. The fair's theme this year is "Fiesta at the Fair."

For more information, contact the fair office at 473-4251. — STAFF REPORTS

Late Pioneer Land founder lives on in bronze

BY STAN MADDUX

A plaque featuring a bronze likeness of the beloved late founder and head caretaker of Pioneer Land was unveiled Sunday during the La Porte County Fair.

Dick Reel was a longtime Purdue Extension educator in La Porte County before setting out to realize his dream of Pioneer Land, which started in 1995 with construction of a log cabin.

There are now more than a dozen buildings such as the blacksmith shop, general store and one room schoolhouse in the popular 1800's village on the northwest side of the fairgrounds.

Pioneer Land made possible from donations of money and labor comes to life with volunteers dressed from the period manning the buildings and grounds during the fair, school tours and early December for the holidays.

La Porte County Farm Bureau President Mark Parkman said the plaque was a well-deserved and fitting tribute to Reel, who passed away in 2022.

Reel was 74.

"I'm not saying Dick is the only person that created Pioneer Land, but I do believe had it not been for Dick pushing like he did we wouldn't have the Pioneer Land that's out there right now," he said.

The unveiling of the plaque costing $8,500 occurred during the annual Ham and Bean dinner at Pioneer Land.

Proceeds from the dinner attended by an estimated 700 or more people go toward future maintenance of the structures.

His wife, Mary, was very impressed with how the plaque on the fireplace in the log cabin turned out.

"It looks just like Dick," she said.

Mrs. Reel said her late husband came up with the idea for Pioneer Land after spending years showcasing his wood crafting skills at an 1800's village during the Indiana State Fair.

She said he also contacted people who could help make construction of the first buildings a reality.

"He wanted something like that here," she said.

Mrs. Reel said not only was Pioneer Land her husband's passion, but it represents a way of life he naturally gravitated to.

Even when Pioneer Land wasn't active, she said it seemed like he went there every day just to drive through the property or check to make sure the buildings were locked.

"I've always said he should have been born in 1840 instead of 1947. He was born 100 years too late," she said.

"This is where he felt most at home," said his daughter, Kristin Gerber.

She was a teenager and volunteer at Pioneer Land when the village first started taking shape.

Her appreciation for what's considered her father's legacy and the joy it's brought to others has grown much deeper over time.

"You don't realize the importance of everything until you grow up and see what it means to people," she said.

Her husband and their two sons, Evan, 15, and Grant, 10, are now volunteers doing things like making bowls in the wood shop from the same tools once used by her father.

She also recalled how her father and Evan would sit on the front porch of the log cabin during the fair and play the spoons together.

Mrs. Reel said her husband would be very happy and relieved knowing that what he started is being carried on for future generations.

"He would love it. He was always worried if something happened what was going to happen to Pioneer Land. So, this is wonderful," she said.

Reel was also highly regarded for treating even strangers as friends and his ability to make people laugh or simply brighten their day.

Farmer Steve Jensen, a volunteer server during the ham and bean dinner, said he first met Reel over a decade ago during a successful effort to save a historic barn just outside the city limits of La Porte.

They hit it off and wound up taking several trips together.

Jensen said he thought so much of him that he kept a voice mail from Reel before his passing.

"Every now and then I'll play that back and just kind of smile. He was a really good guy," he said.

'THREE OAKS' COOLEST CAR' ON DISPLAY AT REGION OF THREE OAKS MUSEUM THIS WEEKEND

There were only 250 of them made in the 1970s, and they were snatched by the likes of Sylvester Stallone, Rod Stewart, Farrah Fawcett and heavyweight boxing champ Ken Norton.

Now, Three Oaks is home to a Clénet I automobile, and this rare and beautiful 50- year-old car will be on display outside The Region of Three Oaks Museum on the afternoon of Saturday, July 12.

Owner Ron Zarantenello, who dreamed of owning a Clénet as a kid, will be on hand to share his passion and knowledge about these rare automobiles, which were produced in Southern California and quickly became a Beverly Hills status symbol.

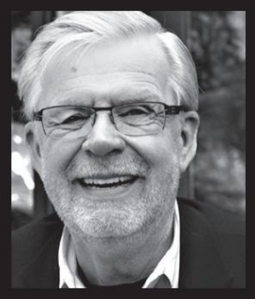
They were designed in the style of a 1930s roadster and featured such accents as a walnut dashboard and Waterford crystal ashtray.

In case of extreme rain or heat, the Clénet display would be moved back to the afternoon of Sunday, July 13 (The Region of Three Oaks Museum Facebook page will announce any changes in plans).

Go see an extraordinary auto that's been maintained in tip-top shape. Car buffs will enjoy the craftsmanship, while everyone will enjoy the rare history and romance of the Clénet.

The Region of Three Oaks Museum is located at 5 Featherbone Avenue in Three Oaks (just west of the Village Hall). TROTOM is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization that promotes and preserves the history of this area. — STAFF REPORTS

From the Bleachers



COLUMN BY KURT MARGGRAF IN CHICAGO

How about that.

Sunday, the Cubs spanked their arch rivals 11-0. The Cardinals are pretty good, but so far this season they've been unable to keep up with the Cubs.

As of Sunday, the Cubs have three all stars and a few who just missed. Peter Crow-Armstrong will be the starting center fielder for the National league, Kyle Tucker will be the starting right fielder, and Matt Boyd was selected as one of the pitchers.

The Cubs are playing an exciting brand of baseball, and these three are part of the reason why. Other players have also made major contributions, including a few who could have made the all star team, too.

Seiya Suzuki, the Cubs designated hitter who leads the league in RBI's could have been chosen, but wasn't. Michael Busch is having a great year, but suffered the same fate as Suzuki. The same can be said for catcher Carson Kelly. Nico Hoerner, Ian Happ, and Dansby Swanson have all contributed, not enough to be considered all stars so far this year, but their timely hitting and/or great defense have helped the Cubs be in first place in their division.

Manager Craig Counsell has juggled the decimated pitching staff beautifully but reinforcements have to arrive soon. If they can trade for some pitching, the Cubs may have one of those magical seasons and go deep into the postseason. In two years, the all star game will be played in Wrigley Field.

I must confess that the White Sox haven't even been on my radar for quite awhile.

They were historically bad last season and I thought this year would be more of the same. Surprisingly, they are playing better. They're still firmly in last place but they have been much more competitive. They just won two out of three against the Colorado Rockies, the team threatening to surpass the Sox record of futility.

After the Sox only won 41 games last season, the worst record in the long history of baseball, the Rockies are threatening to be even worse the very next season. The Rockies record after Sunday is 21-69. If they keep up that pace, they would end up with 38 wins. On the other hand, the Sox are on pace to win 54 games, a 13 game improvement.

Two different historically bad teams in two seasons.

One team that because of geography and a boatload of money can, and often does, sign the best players available, leaving their competitors fighting for scraps. Players being compensated beyond anyones wildest imagination. Baseball is still a wonderful game.

When your favorite team is in the pennant race, summer is heavenly, but when teams are not in the race and they have to trade or sell their best players and wait until next year, things aren't so sweet. Come on owners and commissioner and players too, put a salary cap in place so that more teams can compete.

Shia Labeouf said, "If you're tired of starting over, stop giving up."

Be kind. Talk to you next week. Peace, love, and happiness.

I think people who go through a lot, they're aggressive. — *Gervonta Davis*

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New Buffalo celebrates July 4 on the shore

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

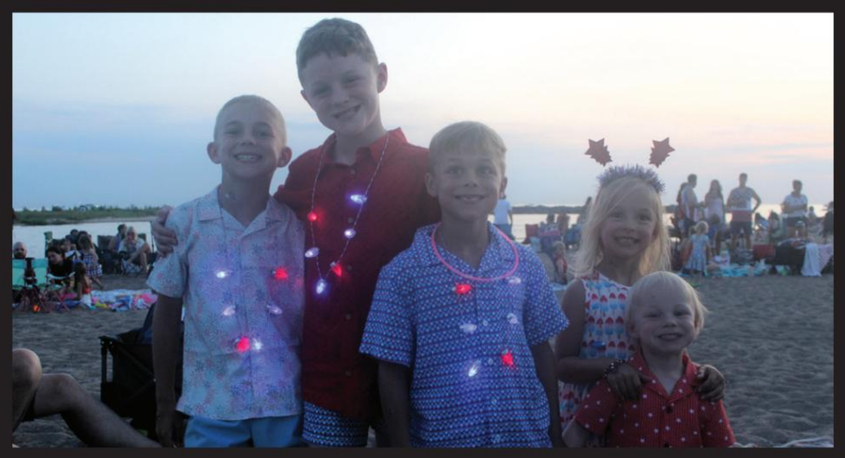
Fireworks arrived on the Lake Michigan shoreline when beachgoers gathered at New Buffalo Public Beach Thursday, July 3, to view the city's annual fireworks show.

Guests spread out their beach blankets or dug out a place in the sand to await the show, which was put on by Fireworks Extravaganza. Boaters parked their lighted boats in the water, so they could view the bright colors exploding in the sky from afar.

Fireworks light up the night

Beachgoers carve out a spot in the sand

Fire works light up New Buffalo Public Beach



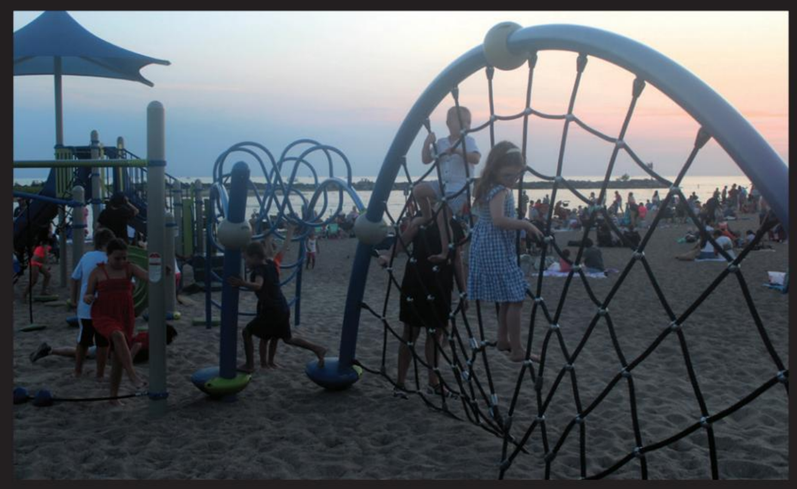
Cooper and Neve Roush and Greyson, Lane and Callen Suarez hang out before the show

The crowd awaits the fireworks

Fireworks Extravaganza puts on a show at the beach

A line forms at the Kona Ice truck

Fireworks burst over the lakefront



Children play on the playground before the show

Grand Beach hosts parade of golf carts

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

Lavishly decked-out golf carts cruised through the streets of Grand Beach during the village's annual golf cart parade, which was held Saturday, July 5.

This year's golf cart lineup paid tribute to a variety of movies, holidays and current events. In celebration of his recent inauguration, Pope Leo appeared on two golf carts in his Popemobile. Another cart had the pink streamers declaring "You're Going to be Popular" on it as a homage to the recent "Wicked" movie and a Candyland-themed cart was decked out in lollypops. Other carts were decorated for the Fourth of July holiday with all the red, white and blue trimmings – balloons, flags and sparkling star banners, which were strewn across each cart.

A Wicked-themed cart rides in the parade

A Boston Tea Party-themed cart rides in the parade

A shark overtakes one golf cart

A patriotic-themed cart rides in the parade

The Candyland-themed cart was decked out in delectable treats

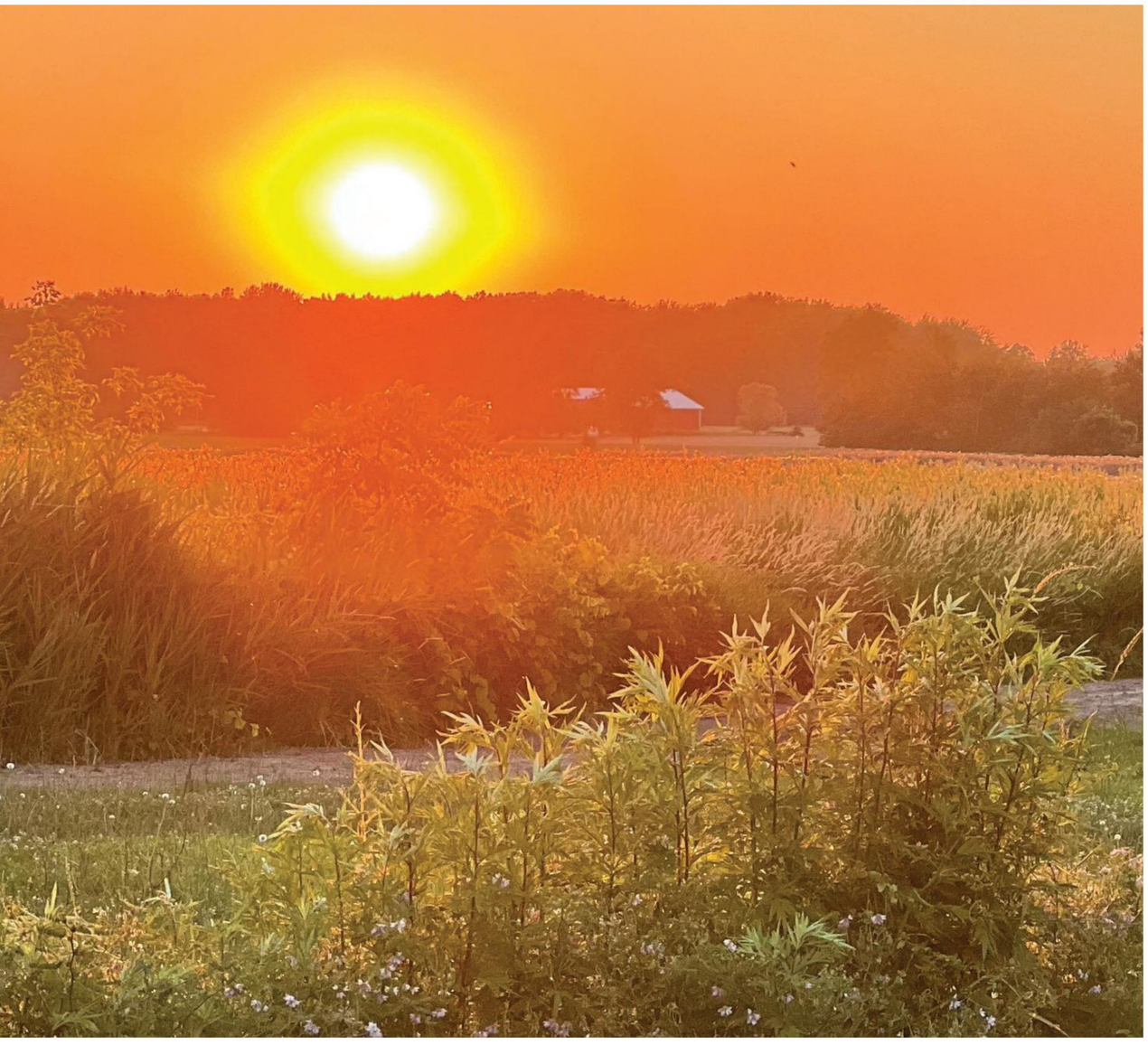
Carts were decked out in American flags

A Sesame Street-themed cart rides in the parade

Nuns walk ahead of the Popemobile in the parade

Children dive for candy that was thrown from the carts

Golf carts were decked out in patriotic gear



Heart Rate of the Earth

PHOTO BY SOPHIA ROSE FATOUROS

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Let's create a shared gallery of light — a reminder that the sun's setting is not an ending, but part of the rhythm we all live by. — KRISTIN FATOUROS

A Writer's Life...

DURING THE GOLDEN AGE OF TELEVISION ANIMATION

BY JACK OLESKER

The Great Man

It was an afternoon in 1984 when I scoured the studio searching for Howard Cohen, DIC Entertainment's resident 'great man'. Almost a quarter century later, in 2008, V.S Sundarajan, CEO of KEN Creative Studios, would lead me through the most elegant restaurant in Chennai, India, past attentive servers wearing starched white uniforms with so much gold braid on them that a British admiral would blush.

We walked to a long table with a dozen well-heeled, well-dressed investors seated around it. I'd recently been appointed President of KEN Creative Studios, not long after they had purchased the film rights to my screenplay, Ninja Knights: When Warrior Worlds Collide. V.S. scanned the investors and proclaimed, "Gentlemen, I give you Jack Olesker..." He paused for dramatic effect, then added, "...The Great Man."

I didn't know if I should be embarrassed or flattered. I think I was a little of both. The reason I've said the entertainment business is sometimes a brutal business is because it is. Writers come and go. Those who have long-'survived and thrived' – gosh, I love the sound of that! – did so and do so through talent, business sense, a relentless work ethic and sometimes guile and ruthlessness...but always with fairness to all. So maybeV.S was right when he said I am a 'great man'. (Sorry, but I've always felt humility is an overrated virtue.)

Still, back in 1984, my much-younger self was just barely getting started in the entertainment business. So as I rounded a corner in DIC's studios and came face-to-face with DIC's in-house 'great man' -- Howard R. Cohen -- standing in my way, I'd be lying if I don't say I was intimidated.

I'm not at my best for this showdown. I'd had a long night working on my two treatments based on the Care Bears springboards had Jean approved. And then I did something I rarely do: I got up at six A.M. to finish writing the treatments. And then I had my writer's meeting!

With all two hundred and fifty-odd pounds of him standing in front of me, Howard seemed too big for the DIC studio hallway. I suspect he liked it that way. Howard was an enigma. As he stood half-blocking my way, I understood why Lori trailed off when she mentioned Howard's name to me. He defied description, an amalgam of conflicting qualities.

Webster's defines 'pompous' as "having a feeling of superiority." Howard didn't just have "a feeling of superiority". He is convinced that he was superior. And in some ways he was. But he also projected a buffoonish persona -- sloven, ill-mannered, unkempt and poorly groomed; none of which Howard was particularly concerned about.

He had more entertainment industry credentials than anyone at DIC when the studio was launched. Beginning in 1972, Howard carved a career as a writer-director, directing nine films, three with low budget genius producer Roger Corman. His writing credits included screenplays for the shoestring budget films Saturday the 14th, Space Raiders, Cover Girls Model, The Young Nurses and the 'immortal' Vampire Hookers.

Laugh if you want, but in Hollywood just selling a screenplay, let alone getting the film made, is like parting the Red Sea, which, of course, was why Howard was sneering at me, flabby arms folded over his chest, asking "How did your little Care Bears meeting go?"

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OBITUARIES

Mary Jo Baran
1948-2025

Mary Jo Baran, 76, of New Buffalo, MI, passed away at Franciscan Health Center in Michigan City, IN, on Friday – June 13, 2025. Arrangements have been entrusted with Sommerfeld Chapel – 15 N. Barton St., New Buffalo, MI.

Mary Jo was born on Sept. 19, 1948 in Evergreen Park, IL to the late Al and Dorothy (Barker) Elwert.

Mary Jo was a 1966 graduate of Oak Lawn High School, and furthered her education at Western Illinois University with a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education. She was a teacher in various schools throughout the area. On June 3, 1972 in Palos Heights, IL, she married Charles "Chuck" Michael Baran, Jr. Mary Jo was a member of the New Buffalo Service League, the YMCA of Michigan City, IN, Baby Talk in Michigan City, the Book Club and the Breakfast Club. She will be missed by her family and many friends.

Mary Jo is survived by her husband – Chuck; her children – Sarah (Dawon) Griffin of Buchanan, MI, Charles Baran, III of New Buffalo, MI, and Rachael Baran of Klamath Falls, OR; grandchildren – Marquis Tyler and AJ Brazil; step-grandchildren – Raekwon and Cameron; great grandchildren – Cambrie, Chance, Kayzlie, Xavier, Olive, Jacian, Nova, Titus and Eliza; sister – Nancy Elwert of Sequim, WA; and a brother – Warren Elwert of Burbank, IL.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Gathering will take place on Sat. Sept. 20 2025 at the New Buffalo American Legion Post #169 from 12-8pm. Memorial contributions in memory of Mary Jo may be made to the New Buffalo American Legion Post.

Joan Lee Colson
1962-2025

Joan Lee Colson, 63, of New Buffalo, MI, passed away at her home on Sunday – June 29, 2025. Arrangements have been entrusted with Sommerfeld Chapel – 15 N. Barton St., New Buffalo, MI.

Joan was born on March 4, 1962 in Muskegon, MI.

Joan married Darwin Lee Colson on July 31, 2004 in Muskegon, MI. They settled in New Buffalo in 2007. In 2003 Joan received the following certificates: GED, Home Health Aide, Caregiver & Certified Nurse's Aide. She was most recently employed at the Four Winds Casino Resort as a supervisor. Joan was recognized in 2009 from the Four Winds Casino Resort in receiving the ACES Award for outstanding job performance and a certificate in Leadership.

Joan attended the Bible Baptist Church in New Buffalo; was very involved in the New Buffalo community; enjoyed traveling; but most of all she loved being around her family. She lightened the room when entering and treated everyone the same. Joan will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Joan is survived by her husband – Darwin; brothers – Jack Carney of Bridgman and Damon Williams of Muskegon; sister – Norma Vanduven of Muskegon; and numerous nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grandnephews. She is preceded in death by her mother – Darlene Carney, her father – Bruce Boley, and a sister – Desiree Rose.

No services are scheduled and cremation will take place. Memorial contributions in Joan's memory may be made to the donor's choice. Friends wishing to leave the family a message of condolence may do so at www.sommerfeldchapel.com.

John Michael Wozniak, Jr.
1932-2025

John Michael Wozniak, Jr., 93, of New Buffalo, MI, passed away at Franciscan Health Center in Michigan City, IN, on Thursday, June 19, 2025. Arrangements have been entrusted with Sommerfeld Chapel – 15 N. Barton St., New Buffalo, MI.

John was born on January 5, 1932 in Chicago, IL to the late John M. Sr. and Marie (Targosz) Wozniak.

John was a 1950 graduate of St. Rita of Cascia High School. After serving his country in the Army during the Korean War, he furthered his education at Armour Institute of Technology (now IIT) with a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering. He also earned and maintained a Professional Engineering license. He founded two companies while living in Mount Prospect, IL.

John was a Renaissance man, with wide-ranging knowledge and interests. He was known for telling outrageous stories, and a master at temporary repairs with found objects, particularly of vehicles in the middle of nowhere.

John is survived by his loving wife – Mary C.; his children – Carol Stieve of Des Plaines, IL, John A. (Brenda Franey) of Tomball, TX, James (Robin Johnson) of Merrimac, NH and Cathy (Paul) Gough of Arlington Heights, IL; their mother, Alice J. Wozniak; grandchildren - Jennifer, Andrew and Matthew Stieve, Briana Wozniak Hamilton, Alexis Wozniak Baker, Daniel Wozniak, and Adam and Benjamin Gough; 13 great grandchildren; Mary's children - Bryan Penny of Michigan City, IN, and Sean Penny (Tori), of Baroda, MI; sister Pamela (the late Mark) Elmore, and many nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister Joanmarie (Walter) Frystak.

A memorial service was held at 1:00pm on July 2 in the Nazarethville Place Chapel, 300 S. River Road, Des Plaines, IL. He was laid to rest at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines, IL.

Memorials in John's name may be made out to a charity of the donor's choice.

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JULY 10-16, 2025

AS INTERPRETED BY SANDY "STAR" BENDT

ARIES MARCH 21—APRIL 19

You are going to be doing some re-thinking and some re-scheduling this week. The solutions to unavoidable problems and unwelcome facts of life are coming into reality and they will be of a great help. It is important that you grasp this opportunity with both hands as it will bring much happiness.

TAURUS APRIL 20—MAY 20

Assume nothing! There is something that has been hidden from view and you are about to see it all. There will be many U-turns in communication, travel, and information. This is because you are moving into new territory where it is important you read the fine print and check the all the details.

GEMINI MAY 21—JUNE 21

Stories are about to change (just as you suspected) that will give you the answers and/or bring you the opportunities you need on a grand scale. Expect large organizations to be pulled in. Even though an escape route is calling the usual rules of time and space are not applying so be careful.

CANCER JUNE 22—JULY 22

It is the perfect time to relaunch your business and financial ideas. You will find not only solutions to long standing problems that have blocked your progress but grand opportunities to have more, do more, and be more. Your destiny is reshaping. Be ready for a positive re-direction in life.

LEO JULY 23—AUGUST 22

Issues with family, property, territory, or home life will have an air of confusion this week. It is important you control and contain your energy because everything and everyone will be everywhere. Secrets can actually be a huge advantage now because things are changing so significantly for others.

VIRGO AUGUST 23—SEPTEMBER 22

Let issues with friends and siblings work themselves out but be sure to keep the flow of communication going and don't get disturbed by the glitches in technology or misrepresentations that will be presented. It may seem easier to go into shut down mode but please resist that temptation.

LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23—OCTOBER 22

There are some unavoidable career changes in store for you. It is more like a re-routing or re-directing than a complete change. This detour is stemming from you changing your mind about what you really want and what is really important. It is OK to put family before financial obligations.

SCORPIO OCTOBER 23—NOVEMBER 21

Expect a new angle on an old issue to appear. This is because two areas in your life are being re-organized. The first is the area surrounding travel (planes, trains and automobiles) and the other is around technology (computers, phones, and television). This is a chance to move into the bigger pond.

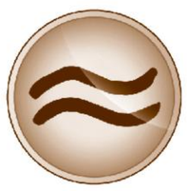
SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22—DECEMBER 21

The epic story of your life, the one that tells where you belong and who you are connected to, the one you have told over and over again is about to change. There is a major twist in your tale that will take an unexpected turn towards a dramatic conclusion. Just in time for the new episode!

CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22—JANUARY 19

You may have thought that you knew everything about your roommate or partner but you will be delightfully surprised to learn things are not what you thought they were. This is important information that will facilitate a re-defining of the boundaries set earlier this year. Have fun with it.

AQUARIUS JANUARY 20—FEBRUARY 18



It is time to muddle thru the financials. You may not want to take the time to hem and haw over the details but now it is very important that you reread the fine print. There will be a lot of backwards and forwards motion as you go over documents and details but don't do anything drastic. Take it slow.

PISCES FEBRUARY 19—MARCH 20

You've already had the sinking suspicion that something was going on with a younger person. Well now it is time to compare notes and do some research. There seems to be an issue with problem solving and it is important that you don't cause any more confusion, so talk things out and be honest.

If people knew how hard I worked to get my mastery, it wouldn't seem so wonderful at all. — *Michelangelo*

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15 Jeopardize
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19 Indian memorial post
20 Stopping train
22 Leglike part
24 Irish exclamation
25 Eidola
29 Ran into
30 Sputnik dog
31 7 (Rom. numeral)
32 Can
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35 Before (Lat.)
36 Father of Abraham
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41 Study
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49 Flightless bird
50 Wild mango fruit
51 Last Queen of Spain

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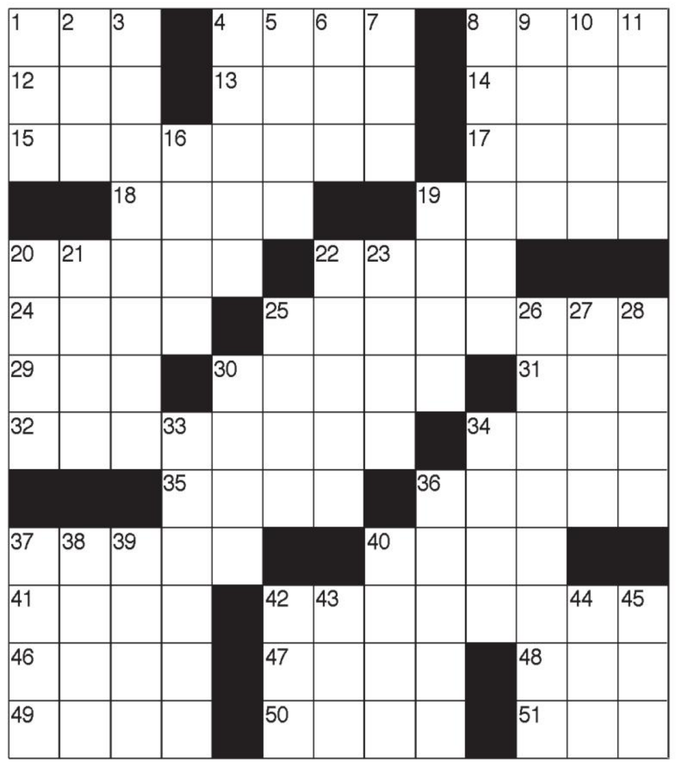

Police officer biting K-9 makes good after mistake

BY STAN MADDUX

A K-9 dog biting a police officer in Michigan City quickly made up for his mistake by catching a suspected thief fleeing on foot.

Lamar Parker, 32, of Michigan City was being held Wednesday in the La Porte County Jail on $15,000.

According to police, officers the previous night responded to a report of a man wearing a mask breaking into a vehicle in the 300 block of Cloud St.

Police said officers spotted Parker running nearby on Hendricks St. then after losing sight of him located and stopped him for a short period of time before he fled on foot again.

One of the officers pursuing him with a dog was mistakenly bit by the animal.

However, the officer and his dog regrouped and within minutes located the suspect last seen entering a wooded area.

Police said Parker was arrested but not until bitten on his left arm by the dog.

Parker is also suspected of entering or trying to enter vehicles in that same area earlier in the day.

Police said the K-9 officer suffered a "moderate injury" from the bite inflicted by his dog.

Parker is charged with resisting law enforcement and unlawful entry of a motor vehicle.

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A Day in the Life

A HOLI"DATE" WITH MARTA...

BY LAWRENCE VON EBELER

I had a slight depression because I had no fourth of July dinners or party invitations for the first time that I could remember but my friend Marta was coming and I had a nice time with her, she is always a stitch. Marta is a movie star; not really but she looks, lives, and acts like one! She even talks and dresses like one. You have to know Marta to love her as I do. She lives by herself but has a man servant of sorts who takes care of her cars and dogs which are nothing but Hollywood-looking too. They are two all white Samoyed gorgeous dogs. Typical for Marta.

She was my close friend's niece and she was very close to him. She calls me her uncle now, which is flattering if you know her. She always wears provocative clothes and three inch heels always. She has a cherubic face that has the latest hair style around it and her make up is always perfect. That's not all, and this is the hardest thing about her to get used to: she acts like a movie star too! She is arrogant, talks in a low key, and expects the royal treatment. Sound off-putting? It is until you know her sweet self. It may take a little time but eventually she will win you over. She has a heart of gold. Marta is often misunderstood because she is what some would call "affected". But she's not, she's just Marta until you get used to her. She is generous, sensitive (especially about herself) and is very much a caring person. She loves her family and treats them likewise. She goes to the cemetery often and decorates the family graves on holidays.

She is the only family member to do so in honor of her folks, and aunt, and her uncle Charlie, my friend.

She does not entertain, but she's all ready to do so if the mood strikes her. Her house is what you could only describe as perfect, but in the "Marta" style. She has so many friends that she forgets their names sometimes. They go out and party a lot but she does not drink or do any kind of drugs. She is the personification of a movie star and there's no two ways about it. She is my friend and she puts up with all of my foibles and I put up with hers. I love her.

She drove three and a half hours from Birmingham just to have dinner with me. She came ostensibly to celebrate the Fourth of July, but I know it was just to see me. I am now her uncle since her real one passed. I made reservations for 7:30 and she was to arrive around 5:30. To kill time while waiting I put flags on my walker. What else does one do to kill time?

Marta was almost on time and we managed to get to Schu's restaurant in st. Joseph not too late (you're always late with Marta). A nice man was waiting for his table along with a whole bunch of people and he opened the door for us to enter. He commented that he liked my shoes (I had on my saddle shoes). We didn't have to wait for a table and were ushered right away to a nice one by a window overlooking the lake. I also know the owner, a friend who told the staff we were expected, and otherwise we would have had to stand in a long waiting line. Marta was impressed. We settled down to a lovely dinner, parking my walker with the flags next to the table giving us a little attention that was fun. The food was great, the service was warm and perfect, and fast!

She did not want to go to Baroda as I suggested, for their sensational fireworks. They have made their fireworks the best you've ever seen! I've seen some doozies including in New York when they shot them off the Brooklyn Bridge. In Baroda a crowd of thousands come early to park, picnic, and play games in the parking field as a tradition. Some also come a day early and park along the side of the road in the grassy areas and set up to stay overnight . You've never seen anything like this whole scene. Then the fireworks begin and there is no describing the sensational show that it is! Marta didn't want to go. It's hard to walk in stiletto heels in the parking lot fields.

We took our time going back to my house amid the fireworks going off over the lake which was quite arresting. Marta was driving her sports car #1 (she has two) and so it was a pleasant drive home after that nice dinner. Marta seemed satisfied after spending the evening slumming with me.

PET OF THE WEEK

PICKLES

Pickles is a two-month-old scaredy cat. She thinks she won't like you, but will love you when you pick her up. She might not leave your lap. Pickles is spayed, and her vaccinations are up-to-date. She's also a roamer, explorer and a hider, maybe keep a leash on her if she's out of her carrier. She does well with other cats. Pickles is good with her food location and litter box, which works well for everyone. Pickles would make a purr-fect addition to your home.

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A variety of cars drive down Pier Street

The Lakeside Association banner helmed the parade

People young and old march down Pier Street

Lakeside salutes July 4 with parade

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

Bicycles with red, white and blue streamers trailing behind them, antique cars and golf cars festooned with patriotic gear and people of all ages playing the kazoo could all be spotted down Pier Street for this year's annual Lakeside Association Fourth of July Parade Friday, July 4.

Marchers and vehicles lined up on Pier Street at the intersection with Lake Shore Road, while walkers, cyclists and dogs gathered on the lake side of Pier Street at the intersection with Lakeshore Road before marching down the traditional route. Cars, some of which were of the vintage variety, and golf carts rode past the cheering paradegoers, some of whom were waving their American flags high.

The Lakeside Kazoo Band marches down Pier Street

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